

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

GRIJALVA, Raul (Democrat) (pronounced: gree HAHL va)
Representative, 7th District, Arizona
Elected 2002 to the 108th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Tucson, Arizona – 19 February 1948

Home: Tucson, Arizona

Marital status: Married (Ramona) - 3 children

Religion: Catholic

Education: University of Arizona, BA 1948

Military: None

Profession: Former Dir, El Pueblo Neighborhood Center; former Asst Dean for Hispanic Student Affairs, University of Arizona; public official

Political: Tucson Unified School District Governing Board, member, 1974-1986; Pima County Board of Supervisors, 1989-2002. Defeated Ross J. Hieb (R) with 59% of the vote to win the Hispanic-majority seat created as a result of the 2002 redistricting.

Rep Grijalva is a liberal who garnered support from organized labor, teachers, and the Sierra Club during the campaign. Emphasized his accomplishments in the areas of the environment, education, women's issues, agricultural issues, economic/labor issues, social security, health, and tribal sovereignty. Has identified his legislative priorities as education, infrastructure, and affordable health care for lower-income families. Will also be interested in immigration and border policy.

Additional: An advocate for teacher and employee rights, civil rights, and public education, he was honored by having an elementary school in the community named for him.

AF Bases: Davis-Monthan AFB; Tucson MAP

COMMITTEES

EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE – Subcs on: Education Reform; Employer-Employee Relations

RESOURCES – Subcs on: National Parks, Recreation, & Public Lands; Water & Power